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140731-N-YM440-136 SAN DIEGO (July 31, 2014) Pictured aboard USS Somerset (LPD 25) in the ship's Intensive Care Unit, Petty Officer 1st Class Dametrius Mannings, a hospital corpsman from Fort Knox, Ky., currently assigned to Naval Medical Logistics Command, Fort Detrick, MD.

I grew up as an Army brat.

I was born in Birmingham, Alabama the second oldest of four children, and graduated from Hardin County High School in Elizabethtown, Kentucky in 1998. My junior year in high school I decided to enlist in the Army National Guard as an automated logistical specialist. I enjoyed my service to the guard so much that I requested to pursue an active duty career in the Navy. My grandmother was a nurse and she inspired me to pursue a career

in medicine. After learning about the legacy of hospital corpsmen and what they do, I knew that was what I wanted to be but at the time I enlisted that option wasn't available to me. I joined the Navy in 1999 as a dental technician but always held onto my goal of becoming a hospital corpsman, and seven years later in 2006 I finally became one.

Today I work at Naval Medical Logistics Command (NMLC) in Fort Detrick, Maryland. NMLC supports warfighters through contracting, support and logistical expertise. Our mission is to deliver patient-centered logistics solutions for military medicine. I am currently attached to medical equipment and logistics solution directorate in the Navy Medicine Picture Archiving and Communication System, (PACS) office. PACS is a diagnostic medical image management system for all radiology studies at military treatment facilities around the world. It works closely with vendors, corporate managers and medical imaging professionals to coordinate strategic planning for medical imaging initiatives which translates to diagnostic care for military members and their dependents.

Being a part of the Navy Medicine team has given me the best of both worlds; challenges and personal satisfaction that come with helping others.

I am Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Dametrius Mannings, and I am Navy Medicine.

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